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1. INITIAL REACTIONS TO US ELECTIONS

US ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOLLOWED WITH CLOSE INTEREST IN  
 JAPAN WITH MASS MEDIA COVERAGE OF FINAL DAYS AND BALLOTING OVER-  
 SHADOWING EVEN JAPAN'S OWN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. TRAFFIC DISRUPTED  
 BY CROWDS WATCHING ELECTION RESULTS POSTED BY USIS IN DOWNTOWN  
 TOKY WINDOW. JAPANESE PUBLIC APPEARED PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY  
 VIGOR OF CAMPAIGN, AND EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS BY REPUBLICAN  
 TO CLOSE RANKS BEHIND NEW DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT.

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PRIMIN IKEDA WIRED CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH HIM IN FURTHER STRENGTHENING US-JAPAN TIES TO FRIENDSHIP. PRIMIN AND OTHER LDP LEADERS ALSO EMPHASIZED TO PRESS THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT ANY BASIC CHANGES IN US FOREIGN POLICY, AND TOOK JSP TO TASK FOR TRYING DISTORT SITUATION, PARTICULARLY RE ATTITUDES OF NEW ADMINISTRATION TOWARD NEUTRALISM ISSUE. JSP STATEMENT SUGGESTED DEMOCRATIC VICTORY WOULD FACILITATE JSP GOAL OF NEUTRAL JAPAN; REITERATED PARTY WOULD SEND "GOOD-WILL" MISSION TO US AT UNSPECIFIED FUTURE TIME; AND HOPED NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD REEXAMINE JAPAN POLICY "BASED ON SECURITY TREATY", AGREE TO ADMIT COMMUNIST CHINA TO UN, AND SCHEDULE NEW SUMMIT TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS. MODERATE STATEMENT ISSUED BY DSP EXPRESS "ENCOURAGEMENT" AT US ELECTION RESULTS AND HOPE THAT US WOULD ADOPT MORE "FLEXIBLE" FOREIGN POLICY. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: APART FROM QUESTION OF POLICY IMPLICATIONS (PRESS GENERALLY AGGPEED WITH LDP INTERPRETATION THAT CHANGES IN BASIC FOREIGN POLICY FRAMEWORK UNLIKELY), JAPANESE GREATLY IMPRESSED BY ELECTION AS DEMONSTRATION OF VITALITY US DEMOCRACY AND AS OFFERING LESSON TO JAPANESE IN EVOLUTION THEIR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. TRI-PARTY TELEVISION DEBATE

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THREE MAJOR PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO NATIONWIDE TV DEBATE NOVEMBER 12 ON JAPAN'S FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICIES. LDP REPRESENTED BY IKEDA AS PARTY PRESIDENT; JSP BY CHAIRMAN EDA, DSP BY CHAIRMAN NISHIO.

JSP ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED DEBATE, PROPOSING IT BE LIMITED TO FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY NEUTRALISM. DSP ACCEPTED. IKEDA INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE ON CONDITION DEBATE BE FREE OF "MUD-SLINGING" AND THAT DEBATE NOT BE CONFINED TO FOREIGN POLICY. NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER PARTIES BROUGHT ACCEPTANCE OF LDP TERMS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: INTEREST IN DEBATE IS WIDESPREAD. GIVEN LARGE JAPANESE TV AUDIENCE, DEBATE MAY HAVE MARKED EFFECT ON PUBLIC IMAGE OF RESPECTIVE PARTIES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. 942 CANDIDATES REGISTER (WEEK 44, ITEM 1)

BY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION PERIOD NOVEMBER 5, TOTAL OF 942 CANDIDATES (INCLUDING 20 WOMEN) HAD SIGNED UP TO COMPETE FOR 467 LOWER HOUSE SEATS. PARTY BREAKDOWN: LDP, 399; JSP, 186; DSP, 105; JCP, 118; MINOR PARTIES, 34; AND INDEPENDENTS, 100. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GENERAL LINE OF ELECTION FORECASTS AT PRESENT GIVE LDP AND INDEPENDENTS WHO WILL AFFILIATE ABOUT 300 SEATS; JSP, 130; DSP, 36; JCP, 1 (GIVE OR TAKE 2 OR 3 SEATS EITHER WAY). PARTIES OFFICIALLY CONTINUE TO BE MORE OPTIMISTIC, AND ALL FORECASTS

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SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENTS IN FINAL TEN-DAY PERIOD. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. JAPAN-KOREA (WEEK 44, ITEM 4)

THREE JAPAN -ROK SUBCOMMITTEES (RESIDENTS, FISHERIES, AND CLAIMS) CONVENED THIS WEEK TO COMPLETE PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR JAPAN-ROK NEGOTIATIONS. HARMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE SLIGHTLY STRAINED BY PUBLIC ROKG INSTRUCTION TO ROK DEL WITHDRAW IF GOJ "DOES NOT SHOW SINCERITY" AND MARRED BY AGGRESSIVE ROK PATROL ACTIVITY ALONG RHEE LINE INCLUDING WARNING SHOTS FIRED AT GOJ PATROL BOAT ON HIGH SEAS (SEE ITEM 5).

JAPAN RED CROSS (JRC)-NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS (NKRC) CONSULTATIONS FOR REPATRIATION SPEED-UP MEASURES COMMENCE NOVEMBER 10 IN NIIGATA. JRC EXPECTED PROPOSE ABOUT 45 PERCENT INCREASE OVER PRESENT DEPARTURE RATE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: GOJ HAS DELIBERATELY PLAYED DOWN RHEE LINE INCIDENTS IN HOPE ROKG WILL DESIST FROM ACTIVITY WHICH RISKS SERIOUS DANGER OF ARMED JAPANESE COUNTERACTION AND SWIFT DISSIPATION OF HOPES RE JAPAN-ROK TALKS, REGARDLESS OUTCOME JRC-NKRC NIIGATA CONSULTATIONS, REPATRIATION SPEED-UP UNLIKELY DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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5. JAPANESE COAST GUARD SHIP FIRED ON

MARITIME SAFETY BOARD ARMED PATROL SHIP ISUZU (270 TONS) OF MOJI MSB HEADQUARTERS WAS FIRED ON NOVEMBER 5 AT POSITION 34-28-N,

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128-52-E BY ROK PATROL SHIP, UNIDENTIFIED DUE TO DARKNESS.  
ROK SHIP FIRED ABOUT TEN SHOTS INCLUDING TRACER, ALL MISSES.  
JAPANESE SHIP DID NOT RETURN FIRE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: REPORTS RECEIVED FROM COMNAVFOR KOREA CONFIRM  
ENCOUNTER AND IDENTIFY SHIP AS ROK NAVY PCS 203. PREVIOUS  
ENCOUNTERS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO ROK COAST GUARD VESSELS.

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## 1. GENERAL ELECTION (WEEKA 45, ITEM3)

ON EVE OF NOVEMBER 20 ELECTIONS OBSERVERS EXPECT LDP  
WILL WIN VICTORY OF ABOUT 300 SEATS OUT OF 467 (LJP WON WWIU SEATS  
IN 1958), JSP WILL GAIN ABOUT 5 OVER PRESENT 122, AND DSP WILL  
LOSE ABOUT 5 OF PRESENT 40. IN CLOSING DAYS OF CAMPAIGN PARTY  
LEADERS HAVE BENT EFFORTS TO ASSIST BORDERLINE CANDIDATES WHILE  
AT NATIONAL LEVEL ATTENTION FOCUSED ON INTER-PARTY TV  
DEBATES (ITEM 2). WITHIN OPPOSITION DSP (ZENRO) - JSP (SOHYO)  
FIGHT HAS BEEN KEPT UP BY RUNNING EXCHANGE OF MUTUALLY CRITICAL  
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7 PRESS STATEMENTS, JSP ACCUSING DSP OF CONSERVATIVE CONNECTIONS AND DSP ACCUSING JSP OF COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS. :OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: AMONG REASONS FOR LDP STRENGTH ARE: 1) IKEDA'S INCREASED STATURE AS POLITICAL LEADER; 2) WILLINGNESS OF LDP TO FACE UP TO IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS SECURITY TREATY AND NEUTRALISM; THUS KEEPING INITIATIVE IN ITS HANDS; 3) CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND LEVELING OFF OF MILD PREICA RISE WHICH JSP HAD USED AS COMAPAING ISSUE; 4) GREATER SUCCESS THAN IN 1958 IN LIMITING NUMBER OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES. JSP GAINS ATTRIBUTABLE TO: 1) "SYMPATHY VOTES", ESPECIALLY IN TOKYO, AS RESULT OS ASANUMA ASSASSINATION; / 2) MASSIVE SUPPORT OF EFFICIENT SOHYO ORGANIZATION; 3) TACTICAL DECISION BY CHAIRMAN EDA TO PLAY MOWN JSP'S ANTI-AMERICAN POLICIES DURING CAMPAIGN; 4) PROBABLE SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF 4 MILLION NEW VOTERS FOR LEFT WING. DSP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GAIN MOMENTUM ON BASIS OF MIDDLE-ROAD PHILOSOPHY AND IS HAMPERED BY WEAK ORGANIZATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. INTER-PARTY TV DEBATES WIDELY FAVORABLE POPULAR ATTRACTION TO NATIONWIDE TV DEBATE BY HEADS THREE MAJOR PARTIES NOVEMBER 12 DESPITE SOME FEELING 90 MINUTES TOO SHORT FOR ADEQUATE CLARIFICATION RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. IN RESPONSE ADVOCACY OF NEUTRALISM BY JSP'S EDA, IKEDA STAUNCHLY DEFENDED HIS POLICY OF ALIGNMENT WITH FREE WORLD, DENOUNCED ASANUMA'S "COMMON ENEMY" STATEMENT AND ATTEMPTED

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UNSUCCESSFULLY TO FORCE EDA TO REPUDIATE IT. JOINED BY DSP'S NISHIO, IKEDA MANAGED TO DRAW ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM EDA THAT JSP SHOULD NOT RESORT TO FORCE TO BLOCK DIET PROCEEDINGS.

NO NEW SUBJECTS RAISED IN SECOND, LESS CONTROVERSIAL TV DEBATE HELD NOVEMBER 16 BY PARTY SECOND TEAMS (CHIEF CABINET SECY OHIRA FOR LDP; NARITA, CHAIRMAN OF POLICY RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR JSP; AND SEGGEN SONE FOR DSP). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: RESPECTABLE AND SERIOUS TONE OF DEBATES HAS HELPED CREATE WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DEVIS FOR BRINGING POLITICU DIRECTLY INTO PRIVATE HOMES ON NATIONWIDE SCALE. MANY "ORDINARY VITIZENS" EXPRESS VIEW THAT DEBATES (ACKNOWLEDGED AS US INNOVATION) REPRESENT POSITIVE STEP FORWARD AND HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED PERMANENT PLACE IN JAPANESE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. (VOFFICIAL USE ONLY)

### 3. JAPAN-KOREA (WEEKA 45, ITEM 4)

JAPAN-RO SUBCOMMITTEES HAVE BEGUN SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSION RE FISHERIES, CLAIMS, AND LEGAL STATUS OF KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN. WITH EXCEPTION RESIDENTS PROBLEM ON WHICH BOTH SIDES OPTIMISTIC OF EARLY PROGRESS, TALKS WILL NOT ENTER INTENSIVE BARGAINING STAGE BEFORE JANUARY 1961.

JAPAN RED CROSS (JRC)-NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS NEGOTIATIONS FOR RAPATRIATION SPEED-UP MEASURES BEGAN NOVEMBER 10. JRC PROPOSED

45 PEC INCREASE IN REPATRIATION RATE BUT NKRC HAS INSISTED 10 VEC

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INCREASE IS MAXIMUM NORTH KOREA CAN ACCOMMODATE.; (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: PROGRESS ON FISHERIES AND CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS  
DIFFICULT SINCE GOJ UNABLE ADVANCE SUBSTANTIAL NEW CONCESSIONS  
WITHOUT SOME ASSURANCE ROKG PREPARED ACCEPT REALISTIC COMPROMISE  
ON MAJOR ISSUES.

NORTH KOREA PRESUMABLY DESIRES STRING OUT REPATRIATION PROGRAM  
TO MAINTAIN POTENTIAL FOR DISRUPTING JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS. (VCONFIDENTIAL)

#### 4. AFRO-ASIAN TOUR BY CROWN PRINCE

CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS DEPARTED TOKYO NOVEMBER 12 FOR  
28-DAY GOODWILL TOUR OF IRAN, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, AND NEPAL. CROWN  
PRINCE ACTION AS PROXY OF EMPEROR TO REPAY PREVIOUS VISITS TO JAPAN  
OF HEADS OF FOUR NATIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL US VISIT (VWEEKA 41, ITEM 5),  
THIS TOUR EXPECTED FURTHER TO ENHANCE DOMESTIC PRESTIGE OF CROWN  
PRINCE, AND IS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT IMPERIAL INSTITUTION  
BEGINNING TO BREAK WITH TRADITIONAL ALOOFNESS. INTEREST HERE  
SHARPENED BY HIGH IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO JAPAN'S RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH AFRO-ASIAN BLOC. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

#### 5. HOSPITAL STRIKE

RECENT SPORADIC STRIKES IN TOKYO BY NURSES AND HOSPITAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL FOR HIGHER WAGES AND IMPROVED WORKING  
CONDITIONS THREATEN TO SPREAD TO OTHER AREAS. TO HEAD OFF FURTHER

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STRIKES, GOJ AGREED TO RAISE MEDICAL FEES AND HAS ENCOURAGED  
THIRD-PARTY MEDIATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL MAY PROVE MOST EFFECTIVE  
HAVE ON SPREAD OF STRIKES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

ECONOMIC 6. COLOMBO PLAN MEETING

12TH MEETING IN TOKYO OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (COLOMBO PLAN) WAS  
SPLIT INTO TWO PHASES: OFFICIALS MEETING (OCTOBER 31 -  
NOVEMBER 11) AND MINISTERIAL MEETING (NOVEMBER 14-17)#. CONFERENCE  
CONDUCTED IN AURA OF GOODWILL. PHILIPPINE AND BURMESE DELAGATES  
TRIAD TO PROMOTE REGIONAL APPROACH TO AID. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DESPITE PHILIPPINE AND BURMESE EFFORTS, GREAT BULK  
OF TECHNICAL AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE IN AREA WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE  
TO BE FURNISHED ON BILATERAL BASIS. HOWEVER, EMPHASIS WILL BE  
PLACED, EVEN BY DONOR COUNTRIES, ON REGIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH  
CENTERS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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7. JAPANESE REACTION TO RYUKYUS ELECTION

COMMENTATORS GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED OKINAWA LIBERAL  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (OLDP) LANDSLIDE VICTORY (22 OF 29 SEATS IN  
LEGISLATURE) IN NOVEMBER 13 RYUKYUS ELECTION TO: 1) IMPROVED  
LIVING STANDARDS AND SECURITY RESULTING FROM JOINT EFFORTS HIGH

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1 COMMISSIONER AND RYUKYUAN GOVT (GRI); 2) US SETTLEMENT OUTSTANDING ISSUES SUCH AS LAND COMPENSATION AND ISHIKAWA CLAIMS, AND COOPERATION WITH GRI AND GOJ ON OKINAWAN WELFARE PROGRAMS; 3) CLOSE IDENTIFICATION OF OLDP WITH JAPAN LDP; AND 4) PUBLIC APPEAL OF GRI CHIEF EXECUTIVE OTA'S "REALISTIC" STEP-BY-STEP REVARUION POLICY (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: OLDP VICTORY MAY PROVIDE FILLIP TO LDP'S OWN ELECTION EFFORT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

8. TANAKA ELECTED TO ICJ (WEEKA 43, ITEM 6)

FORMER CHIAK JUSTICE KOTARO TANAKA NOVEMBER 17 BECAME FIRST JAPANESE SINCE WORLD WAR II TO BE ELACTED TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. FONMIN STATED ELECTION INDICATES NOT ONLY INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF TANAKA BUT ALSO THAT "IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S CIVILIZATION AND ITS LEGAL SYSTEM HAVE BEEN UNIVARUALLY REAFFIRMED". (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ELECTION OF TANAKA, STAUNCH FIGHTER FOR CLOSE TIES WITH US AND FOR RULE OF LAW IN JAPAN, EXPECTED TO HAVE HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPACT ON POPULAR OPINION HERE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

MILITARY 9. JAPAN'S SECOND RESEARCH SUBMARINE DEMONSTRATED

ON NOVEMBER 12, TOKAI SALVAGE COMPANY PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATED 4.3 TON MINIATURE RESEARCH SUBMARINE HAKUGEI

DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR BOTOON SEARCH OVER EXTENDED AREA. HAKUGAI

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(SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN KUROSHIO, JAPAN'S FIRST RESEARCH SUBMARINE LAUNCHED IN EARLY JUNE) NORMALLY IS TOWED THROUGH WATER BY SURFACE SHIP FROM WHICH SHE OBTAINS HER POWER, BUT POSSESSES LIMITED AMOUNT INDEPENDENT MANEUVERABILITY AND ON SURFACE UNDER OWN POWER IN EMERGENCY. DESIGNER OF HAKUGAI, CURRENTLY IS WORKING ON ANOTHER MINIATURE SUBMARINE TO BE USED FOR REMOVING SURVIVORS FROM DOWNED SUBMARINES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: JAPAN IS DEVELOPING SIGNIFICANT CAPABILITY IN THIS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED FIELD.

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- JOINT WEEKA NO. 47

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1. GENERAL ELECTION (WEEKA 46, ITEM 1)

FOLLOWING ARE NUMBER DIET SEATS, POPULAR VOTE AND PERCENTAGE  
POPULAR VOTE BY PARTY (1958 RESULTS IN PARENTHESES) IN NOVEMBER 24  
GENERAL ELECTION: LDP 296 SEATS (287); 22.7 MILLION VOTES (23.0  
MILLION); 57.6 PERCENT (57.8 PERCENT); JSP 145 SEATS (166); 10.9  
MILLION (13.1 MILLION); 27.5 PERCENT (32.9 PERCENT); DSP 17 SEATS (22  
SEATS) (1.0 MILLION); 2.9 PERCENT (2.6 PERCENT); MINOR 1 SEAT (1  
SEAT) (0.3 MILLION); 0.4 PERCENT (0.7 PERCENT); INDEPENDENTS 1  
SEAT (1.1 MILLION (2.4 MILLION); 2.8 PERCENT (6.0 PERCENT). TOTAL  
PERCENT WAS 3.5 PERCENT BELOW 1958. FOUR OF FIVE

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INDEPENDENTS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL AFFILIATE WITH LDP TO GIVE IT 300 SEATS, LARGEST NUMBER HELD BY SINGLE PARTY IN POSTWAR PERIOD. COMPARED WITH 1958, CONSERVATIVES GAINED 4 SEATS OVER LEFT-WING PARTIES, BUT DSP LOST OVER HALF ITS SEATS RESTORING POLARIZATION WHICH EXISTED PRIOR TO JSP SPLIT.

FACTIONAL LOYALTIES MANY LDP WINNERS NOT FIRM, BUT IT IS CLEAR IKEDA, SAITO, AND KISHI FACTIONS EMERGED IN STRONGEST POSITION. WITHIN JSP THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL SHIFT TO LEFT AS SUZUKI FACTION PICKED UP ABOUT 15 SEATS TO GIVE IT TOTAL OF ABOUT 50. PRIMIN IKEDA HAS ALREADY SAID HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH DSP AS IN PAST DESPITE ITS DEFEAT, BUT JSP ACTING CHAIRMAN EDA SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO INCLUDE DSP IN MEETINGS OF MAJOR PARTY LEADERS.

OF 467 SEATS, 344 (73.7 PERCENT) FILLED BY INCUMBENTS, INDICATING HIGH DEGREE STABILIZATION OF ELECTION DISTRICTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CLEAR-CUT VICTORY FOR IKEDA AND LDP IS STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S PRO-WESTERN POLICIES, INCLUDING SECURITY TREATY (ITEM 2), AS WELL AS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROGRAM. COLLAPSE OF LDP WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR IT TO EXERCISE MODERATING INFLUENCE AND PROVIDE ATTRACTION FOR MODERATE SOCIALISTS, WHILE ZENRO WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MODERATE TRADE UNIONISM AND INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AT EXPENSE OF SOHYO. DSP'S SETBACK DUE TO WEAK ORGANIZATION, POOR CANDIDATES, INABILITY OF

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PUBLIC TO GRASP MIDDLE-ROAD PHILOSOPHY, AND TRADITIONAL ATTRACTION OF JAPANESE TO CENTERS OF POWER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. REACTIONS TO ELECTION OUTCOME

EDITORIAL WRITERS AND RADIO-TV COMMENTATORS EXPRESSED BROAD AGREEMENT THAT ELECTION HAD "SETTLED" SECURITY TREATY ISSUE BUT HAD INTENSIFIED POLARIZATION IN POLITICS, THUS IMPOSING SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ON BOTH MAJOR PARTIES TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER. ALTHOUGH EXPECTING JSP TO DEEMPHASIZE OPPOSITION TO SECURITY TREATY AS SUCH, COMMENTATORS FELT OPPOSITION WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR NEUTRAL JAPAN. PRIMIN IKEDA TOLD PRESS ELECTION DEMONSTRATED MAJORITY APPROVAL OF SECURITY TREATY AS NOT ONLY VALID BUT PROPER, STRESSED NEED FOR LDP AND JSP TO EXERCISE TOLERANCE IN CONDUCT OF DIET. ACTING CHAIRMAN EDA OF JSP SAID ELECTION PROVED JSP WAS "MAINSTAY OF PROGRESSIVE CAMP" AND WAS BLOW TO LDP "AMBITIONS" FOR LONG-TERM CONTROL OF GOVT AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NONE.

## 3. SPECIAL DIET

ON NOVEMBER 23 EMPEROR ISSUED PROCLAMATION CONVENING DIET SESSION DECEMBER 5. IN ADDITION FORMALLY ELECTING PRIMIN AS PRIMIN (HE WILL RESIGN JUST BEFORE DIET OPENING), SESSION WILL CHOOSE LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER, VICE SPEAKER AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ON SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET. IKEDA HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL HOLD CONFERENCES WITH LDP LEADERS NEXT WEEK RE SELECTION CABINET

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AND TOP PARTY OFFICIALS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: WHILE MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT CABINET RESHUFFLE WILL BE "SMALL SCALE", OTHERS FEEL EXTENSIVE CHANGES MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRESERVE LDP UNITY. PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER ARE SHOJIRO KAWASHIMA (EX-LDP SECGEN), KENZO MATSUMURA, NAKA FUNADA, AND MITSUJIRO ISHII. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. MEETING OF PARTY HEADS

DURING CLOSING DAYS OF ELECTION CAMPAING PRIMIN IKEDA SUGGESTED THAT HEADS OF THREE PARTIES MEET AFTER ELECTION TO DISCUSS DIET PROCEEDINGS. DSP CHAIRMAN NISHIO IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED BUT JSP ACTION CHAIRMAN EDA INSISTED PURPOSE OF MEETING SHOULD BE TO DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY, PRINCIPALLY RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA. WHEN JSP RENEWED DEMAND AFTER ELECTION, ADDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROK AS PROPOSED TOPIC FOR MEETING, IKEDA REPLIED THAT DIET WAS PROPER PLACE TO DEBATE THESE SUBJECTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IKEDA'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL INTENDED TO FACILITATE MANAGEMENT OF DIET, BUT JSP HAS TYPICALLY DISTORTED IT IN ATTEMPT TO FIND ADDITIONAL PROPAGANDA FORUM AND MAKE MORE DIFFICULT GOJ'S POLICY OF FOREIGN POLICY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) LEADERSHIP

PRESSING POST-ELECTION TASK OF JSP WILL BE SELECTION OF

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SUCCESSOR TO LATE CHAIRMAN ASANUMA CONVENTION FOR THIS PURPOSE WILL BE HELD IN EARLY 1961, BUT IN MEANTIME CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 30 IS SLATED TO CHOOSE CANDIDATE TO OPPOSE IKEDA IN ELECTION OF PRIMIN AT SPECIAL DIET SESSION (ITEM 3). PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES ARE JOTARO KAWAKAMI, ACTING CHAIRMAN SABURO EDA AND FORMER CHAIRMAN MOSABURO SUZUKI. PARTY LEADERS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO SELECT SAME MAN AS CANDIDATE FOR PRIMIN AND NEXT CHAIRMAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF KAWAKAMI ARE THAT HE HAS WORKED HARD TO PRESERVE PARTY UNITY AND DESERVES JOB AS RUNNER-UP IN CLOSE ELECTION FOR CHAIRMANSHIP LAST MARCH (WEEK 42, ITEM 1). EDA SATISFIES THOSE WHO WANT YOUNGER LEADER, AND, AS ACTING CHAIRMAN, HAS RECEIVED MUCH OF CREDIT FOR JSP GAINS IN ELECTION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

6. SPEED-UP OF KOREAN REPATRIATION PROGRAM (WEEK 46, ITEM 3) JAPANESE RED CROSS (JRC) CONCLUDED AGREEMENT NOVEMBER 24 WITH NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS (NKRC) TO INCREASE WEEKLY NUMBER OF KOREAN REPATRIATES FROM 1000-1100 TO 1200. INCREASE IS RESULT OF REQUEST BY NKRC TO ACCELERATE RATE OF REPATRIATION AT TIME AGREEMENT EXTENDED. GOJ EXPECTS NEW RATE OF DEPARTURES TO TAKE EFFECT IN MARCH 1961. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CONOFF WAS AT FIRST INCLINED TO HOLD OUT FOR 1500

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WEEKLY RATE BUT JRC RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE 1200 FIGURE PROPOSED BY NKRC IN ORDER AVOID NORTH KOREAN ACCUSATION RE JAPANESE "POLITICAL MOTIVES" AND THREATS TO DISCONTINUE PROGRAM. FONOFF CONCLUDED NORTH KOREAN TACTICAL POSITION SO STRONG THAT FURTHER ARGUMENT USELESS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. FORMER ROK HOME MINISTER SEEKS ASYLUM IN JAPAN

CHANG, KYUNG KEUN, FORMER ROK HOME MINISTER AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF SYNGMAN RHEE, ARRIVED IN JAPAN NOVEMBER 16 IN SMALL FISHING BOAT IN WHICH HE HAD ESCAPED FROM ROK, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND SECRETARY. SINCE CHANG SUFFERING FROM DIABETES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, JAPANESE AUTHORITIES PLACED HIM IN HOSPITAL NEAR FUKUOKA PENDING CLARIFICATION HIS STATUS AND GOJ DECISION ON HIS REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM. ROK MISSION IN TOKYO SENT NOTE TO FONOFF REQUESTING THAT GOJ RETURN CHANG TO ROK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CHANG'S ARRIVAL AND REQUEST FOR ASYLUM COMES IN MIDST NEWLY RESUMED ROK-GOJ TALKS AND JUST AFTER DIFFICULT END OF CALCUTTA AGREEMENT EXTENSION APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN GOJ OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED AND WORRIED BY CHANG'S PRESENCE HOPES PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED BY ARRANGING DEPARTURE TO THIRD COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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## ECONOMIC

8. REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIRECTIVE  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DIRECTIVE  
AROUSSED CONSIDERABLE DISQUIET IN JAPAN. PRESS PROMINENTLY  
FEATURED STORY, HIGHLIGHTING "EMERGENCY" IN US GOLF POSITION AND  
MORE THAN ONE WEEK AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUED TO PRINT FOLLOW-UPS  
PRINCIPALLY ATTEMPTING ESTIMATE ECONOMIC EFFECT ON JAPAN.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY APPREHENSIVE AND TOKYO STOCK MARKET DROPPED  
SHARPLY AT NEWS. PUBLICLY, GOJ ATTITUDE WAS TO DOWNPLAY  
POTENTIAL IMPACT OF DIRECTIVE ON JAPAN, WITH IKEDA MAKING HORSEBACK  
ESTIMATE DECLINE IN JAPAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RECEIPTS WOULD BE  
ABOUT \$100 MILLION ANNUALLY. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: DIRECTIVE HAS OBVIOUSLY CAUSED WIDESPREAD CONCERN  
IN NORMALLY PRO-AMERICAN CIRCLES IN JAPAN, NOT ONLY AS TO ITS  
ECONOMIC EFFECT ON JAPAN DIRECTLY, BUT AS POSSIBLE INDICATION US  
ECONOMIC WEAKNESS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## MILITARY

## JAPANESE MANEUVERS

JAPANESE GSDF MANEUVER AT HIJUDAI MANEUVER AREA IN KYUSHU  
NOVEMBER 18-22 INVOLVED APPROXIMATELY 12,000 TROOPS, INCLUDING 4TH  
DIVISION AND 8TH COMBINED BRIGADE, BOTH FROM KYUSHU. BOTH FORCES

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WERE SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY, TANKS, AND SMALL NUMBER OF ASDF F-86'S. MANEUVER FEATURED JUMP BY 200 PARATROOPERS FROM 1ST AIRBORNE BRIGADE, FORCED MARCH OF 75 KILOMETERS BY UNIT (OF 4TH DIVISION) AND AIRLIFT 150 TROOPS BY HELICOPTERS INTO BATTLE POSITION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS LARGEST MANEUVER GSDF IN KYUSHU SO FAR, WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND PLANNED AND EXECUTED WITH GREAT REALISM AND SPIRIT ON PART OF TROOPS INVOLVED. THIS YEAR MORE EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON TROOP MOBILITY. EXERCISE WITNESSED BY OFFICIALS FROM YAMAGUCHI AND APPROXIMATELY 14 FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES.

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10. MSDF AUTUMN MANEUVERS (WEEK 37, ITEM 7)

MSDF HELD LARGEST EXERCISE SINCE WWII NOVEMBER 12-17 INVOLVING MOST OF MSDF STRENGTH AND NUMBER US NAVAL UNITS. ADMIRAL KITSUGH IHARA, CHIEF MARITIME STAFF, OBSERVED TO US NAVAL OFFICER THAT CONCLUDING DAY'S EXERCISE WAS VERY ELEMENTARY, GOING BACK TO OF BATTLE OF TSUSHIMA STRAITS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

DESPITE ADMIRAL'S COMMENT, EXERCISE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION OF ABILITY INDIVIDUAL MSDF SHIPS TO OPERATE AS COHESIVE FORCE IN LARGE-SCALE EXERCISE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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